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- 1. According to President-elect Oscar Osorio, he is planning to assume the office of President in September or October 1950. Since El Salvador will have no Constitution until the present Assembly passes one, the date that the Council of Government will step down and give full governing authority to Osorio is a matter of conjecture.
- 2. Hajor Osorio, who defeated his only opponent Colonel Jose Ascencio Monendez, Partido Accion enovadora (PAR) candidate, by 78,868 votes, received a total of 345,139 votes. Osorio's party, the Partido Revolucionario de Unificacion Democratica (PRUD), gained a substantial majority of the deputies in the Constituent Assembly by electing thirty-eight against fourteen deputies for the PAR.
- 3. Dr. ..eynaldo Galindo Pohl, former member of the Council of Government and now PEUD member of the Assembly from the Department of Sonsonate, was elected to the Presidency of the Constituent Assembly at its second organizational session.
- 4. Communist efforts to influence the workings of the Constituent Assembly are being guided by Dr. Obelio Velasquez, PAR deputy from the Department of Ahmachapan. During the second week in May Velasquez held discussions with student leaders and representatives of the Comite de Reorganizacion Obrera (CMO) to decide the best anti-Osorio strategy to be used. At this stage of the campaign these groups favored a program of passive resistence rather than one of open opposition to PAMD owing to PAR's weak numerical position, and the certainty that the PRUD program would be forced through regardless of all opposition.
- 5. When the inevitable "fascista" and "anti-democratica" Constitution is enacted, the Communists feel that it will be easier for them to discredit the document if they are able to point to the fact that it was drawn up and voted into being by but one party, the PRUD. To prepare opposition groups for the time when Party objectives can be served more profitably by a direct attack on the Osorio government, an intensified propaganda campaign is being readied for

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Opinion Estudiantil, the student publication. With regard to the projected newspaper program, it is reported that Dr. Romeo Fortin Magana, former Minister of Meconomy, is advising the directors of the student publication on matters dealing with the editorial content of future issues.

Fortin Magana has no previous record of leftist activity, and this is the first indication that he is lending active support to the Communist-domirated student faction.

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